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## E-Legislative Update

February 6 – 12, 2012



February 6<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of the fifth week of the legislative session. The last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin will occur on February 7, 2012. The last day to consider bills in the house of origin is February 14, 2012.

You have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Higher Education

**02/09/12 8:00 am**

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm C

John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** What are the higher education needs of Washington's workforce?

Presentation by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, and Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board.

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## **Economic Development**

### **Community & Economic Development & Housing**

**02/09/12 8:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** The state's role in negotiating, regulating, and disputing international trade agreements.

Information is current as of: February 2, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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